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March 4, 2005

Mr. Russell A. Mellor, President/Project Director West Valley Nuclear Services Company 10282 Rock Springs Road West Valley, NY 14171-9799

ATTENTION: W. M. Wierzbicki, Environmental Affairs Manager, WV-51

SUBJECT: Environmental Checklist OH-WVDP-2005-01, "Dismantlement of Obsolete

Buildings and Facilities"

REFERENCE: Letter (93813), W. M. Wierzbicki to T. J. Jackson, "Environmental Checklist

OH-WVDP-2005-01, 'Dismantlement of Obsolete Buildings and Facilities,'"

dated February 11, 2005

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed the subject Environmental Checklist and agree that the actions described therein are categorically excluded per Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, CX B1.23, "Demolition and subsequent disposal of buildings, equipment, and support structures (including, but not limited to, smoke stacks and parking lot surfaces)."

Enclosed is a signed environmental checklist form.

The contents of this correspondence are not intended to impact or modify contract scope and/or cost. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Sullivan on Extension 4016.

Sincerely,

hn H. Swailes, Director

est Walley Demonstration Project

Enclosure: Environmental Checklist Form

cc: H. R. Moore, OH/WVDP, WV-DOE, w/enc.

J. J. Hoch, WVNSCO, WV-51, w/enc.

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> WV-51 WD:2005:0074 February 11, 2005

Mr. T. J. Jackson, Acting Director U. S. Department of Energy West Valley Demonstration Project 10282 Rock Springs Road West Valley, New York 14171-9799

ATTENTION: D. W. Sullivan

Dear Mr. Jackson:

SUBJECT:

Environmental Checklist OH-WVDP-2005-01, "Dismantlement of Obsolete

Buildings and Facilities"

REFERENCES: 1) WV-986, West Valley Nuclear Services Company, "Environmental Review Program," Revision 12, dated June 26, 2003

> 2) OH-6.1.01, U.S. Department of Energy, Ohio Field Office, Standard Operating Procedure, "National Environmental Policy Act Compliance," Revision 1, dated July 7, 1995

Attached for your review is Environmental Checklist OH-WVDP-2005-01, "Dismantlement of Obsolete Buildings and Facilities" (Attachment A). The checklist has undergone environmental review in accordance with the West Valley Nuclear Services Company (WVNSCO) Environmental Review Program (Reference 1).

The proposed action evaluated in this checklist involves the dismantlement and subsequent disposal of obsolete buildings and/or facilities located at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP).

WVNSCO believes a categorical exclusion (CX) covers the proposed action. Dismantlement/disposal activities actions falls within the class of actions described in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1021, as Amended, Subpart D, Appendix B, CX B1.23, "Demolition and subsequent disposal of buildings, equipment, and support structures (including, but not limited to, smoke stacks and parking lot surfaces)" (Reference 2).

If you concur with this recommendation, please sign the attached Environmental Checklist, Section D. RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION. If you have any comments or questions regarding the checklist, please contact J. J. Hoch of my staff at extension 2409.

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Very truly yours,

### WEST VALLEY NUCLEAR SERVICES COMPANY

### Signature on File in Records

W. M. Wierzbicki, Manager Environmental Affairs

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Attachment: Environment

Environmental Checklist OH-WVDP-2005-01, "Dismantlement of Obsolete

Buildings and Facilities "

# Department of Energy (DOE) Ohio Field Office, West Valley Demonstration Project (OH/WVDP)

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Project/Activity Title: Dismantlement of Obsolete Buildings and Facilities	NEPA ID Number: Rev. #: Date: OH-WVDP-2005-01 0 1/20/20	
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A. BRIEF PROJECT/ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION: Attach a detailed description or statement of work.

# B. SOURCES OF IMPACT: Would the action involve, generate, or result in changes to any of the following?

	YES	NO		,	
. Air Emissions	X		12. Water Use/Diversion	YES	_ No
. Liquid Effluents	Y				7
. Solid Waste			13. Water Treatment	х	$\vdash$
. Radioactive Waste/Soil	X	<u> </u>	14. Water Course Modification	<del></del>	<del>  x</del>
. Hazardous Waste	X		15. Radiation/Toxic Chemical Exposures	-	├-^
Mixed Waste	x		16. Pesticide/Herbicide Use		├
Chemical Storage/Use	x		17. High Energy Source/Explosives		2
		Х	18. Transportation	├	
Petroleum Storage/Use			19. Noise Level	X	L
Asbestos	х			х	Ī
. Utilities			20. Workforce Adjustment	х	$\overline{}$
. Clearing or Excavation	x		21. Other		_
	х				_ 3

In an attachment, qualify and explain each question that you have specifically answered "YES."

# C. CATEGORY EVALUATION CRITERIA: Would the proposed action:

1. Take place in an area of previous or ongoing disturbance?	YES	NO
2. Create hazardous, radioactive or mixed waste for which no disposal is available?	X	_
3. Impact a RCRA-regulated unit or facility?		x
4. Force a low income or ethnic minority population to shoulder a disproportionate share of the negative environmental impacts of pollution or environmental hazards because of a lack of political or economic strength?	х	X
. Involve air emissions and be located in an air pollutant non-attainment or maintenance area for any criteria pollutants?		
Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and		х
etc.)? (i.e., require any federal, state or local permits, approvals,		х
Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases?		
Require siting, construction, or major expansion of a waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, including such categorically-excluded facilities?		Х
Adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources including house 1		x
archeological, historic or architectural significance; threatened or endangered species or their habitat; floodplains or wetlands; wildlife refuges, agricultural lands or vital water resources(e.g., sole-source		x
0. Involve extraordinary circumstances? As specified at 10 CFR § 1021.410(b)(2), extraordinary circumstances are		
unique situations presented by specific proposed actions, such as scientific controversy about the environmental effects of the action, uncertain effects or effects involving unique or unknown risks, or unresolved conflicts concerning alternate uses of available resources within the meaning of Section 102(2)(E) of NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4332(2)].		х
Be "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and precluded by 40 CFR § 1506.1 or 10 CFR § 1021.211?		

In an attachment, qualify and explain each question that you have specifically answered "YES."

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
Ohio Field Office, West Valley Demonstration Project (OH/WVDP)

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

D	PECOMMENDATION	AND	DETERMINATION

DOE OH/WVDP Direct meets the criteria for the following:	or's Recommendation: I find and recommend that this proposed action specified in 10 CFR § 1021, Subpart D, and/or DOE Policy and Guidance
[ ] Actions Withi	n the Scope of Existing NEPA Documentation
, -	ations (Standard Operating Procedure OH-6.1.01, Rev. 1, Section 5.2)  The Tsuriles  Date 3/3/05
7	Director, Ohio Field Office, West Valley Demonstration Project (OH/WVDP), Department of Energy
information concern Order 451.1A, Sect. specified class of C are met, and that	ompliance Officer's Determination: Based on my review of the attached ning this proposed action, as the OH/WVDP NEPA Compliance Officer (DOE ion 5.d.), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the actions, that the other regulatory requirements identified in Section this proposed action proceed without further NEPA review.  Date 2/14/2005
	OH/WVDP NEPA Compliance Officer,
	West Valley Demonstration Project
	OR
Subpart D) [ ] Environmental : [ ] Interim Action:	Assessments (Appendix C, Class of Action; or Action not listed in Impact Statements (Appendix D, Class of Action)  s (40 CFR § 1506.1 and 10 CFR § 1021.211)
[ ] Integrated Docu	umentation for CERCLA/RCRA Actions rgency Action, 40 CFR § 1506.11 and 10 CFR § 1021.343)
DOE-OH NEPA Compliant action fits within th	ce Officer's Concurrence: I concur with the recommendation that this proposed me specified class of actions.
Signature:	NEPA Compliance Officer,
(	Ohio Field Office, Department of Energy
proposed action, as	ermination: Based on my review of the attached information concerning this the Head of the Ohio Field Office (DOE Order 451.1A, Section 5.a.), I have level of documentation recommended for the proposed action is appropriate.
Signature:	Date
	Manager, Ohio Field Office,
	Department of Energy

## SECTION A. BRIEF PROJECT/ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

### **BACKGROUND**

From 1966 to 1972, Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), operated a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC) near West Valley, New York. The plant, which reclaimed uranium and plutonium from spent nuclear fuel, generated approximately 600,000 gallons of liquid high-level radioactive waste (HLW), which was stored in underground tanks.

In 1980, Congress passed the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Act, which directed the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) to do the following: (1) solidify the HLW at the WNYNSC in a form suitable for transportation and disposal; (2) develop containers for the HLW that are suitable for permanent disposal; (3) transport the solidified HLW, in accordance with applicable provisions of law, to an appropriate Federal repository for permanent disposal; (4) in accordance with applicable licensing requirements, dispose of low-level radioactive waste (LLW) and transuranic (TRU) waste produced as a result of solidifying the HLW; and (5) decontaminate and decommission – (a) the tanks and other facilities of the WNYNSC in which the HLW solidified under the Project is stored; (b) the facilities used in the solidification of the waste; and (c) any material and hardware used in connection with the Project, in accordance with requirements that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) prescribes (Public Law 96-368).

In 1982, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and associated Record of Decision (ROD) were issued for the actions that DOE proposed to satisfy the first two requirements of the WVDP Act (DOE/EIS-0081). During the first phase of the WVDP, which was completed in September 2002, the HLW was immobilized in borosilicate glass through vitrification. The canisters of immobilized HLW are currently being stored on-site until DOE authorizes their removal. In 1993 and 1998, the DOE prepared Supplement Analyses of the 1982 Final EIS to re-examine on-going HLW solidification activities as well as other refinements to the actions originally evaluated in the EIS (DOE-EIS-025 and WVDP-321, respectively). As a result of both analyses, DOE concluded that no environmentally relevant or substantial changes in Project scope had occurred, that no new circumstances or relevant information existed, and that the environmental analyses performed for the 1982 EIS were still valid.

### TYPE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The proposed action evaluated in this environmental checklist involves dismantling or demolishing buildings and/or facilities that have served their useful purpose and are no longer required. These buildings and/or facilities are located in potentially radiologically contaminated areas. Residual radiological contamination remaining on foundation pads will be decontaminated to levels meeting the unrestricted release limits in Table 2-2 of WVDP-010, "Radiological Controls Manual" or sealed using fixative or other appropriate means, pending development of the appropriate Derived Concentration Guidelines (DCGLs) for WVDP decommissioning. Some of these buildings are RCRA permitted as Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs). Other buildings are considered Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs). Table 1 lists the buildings and facilities included in this checklist broken down by Waste Management Areas (WMA). Additional buildings of similar type, located in radiologically contaminated areas, and/or are RCRA permitted may be added in the future and supplemental environmental review will be performed.

Table 1

Area	Building/Facility	Construction Type	Footprint (Sq Ft)	Stories	Regulatory Status
WMA 1 (Refer to Figure 1)	Radwaste Process (Hittman) Bldg.	Metal	800	2	SWMU
WMA 2	O2 Building	Block	9,600	2	SWMU
(Refer to Figure 2)	Note: The demolition of the O2 Building has existing NEPA coverage in the 1998 Supplement Analysis (WVDEP-321) to the 1982 FEIS for Long-Term Management of Liquid High-Level Radioactive Waste at the Western New York Services Center (DOE/EIS-0081).				
WMA 5	Lag Storage Building	Metal	8,400	1	SWMU/HWMU
(Refer to Figure 3)	Lag Storage Addition 1	Metal/Fabric	10,500	1	SWMU/HWMU
1 .6 ,	Lag Storage Addition 3	Prefab	25,600	1	SWMU/HWMU
	LSA 4 & Shipping Depot	Prefab/Metal	33,300	1	SWMU/HWMU
	Hazardous Waste Storage Lockers	Prefab	1,000	1	SWMU/HWMU
	CPC Waste Storage Area	Metal	15,000	3	SWMU/HWMU
WMA 7 (Refer to Figure 4)	Interim Waste Storage Facility	Metal	1,600	2	SWMU/HWMU

### Table 1 (cont.)

Area	Building/Facility	Construction Type	Footprint (Sq Ft)	Stories	Regulatory Status
WMA 9 (Refer to Figure 5)	RTS Drum Cell	Metal/Concrete	24,000	4	SWMU
WMA 10 (Refer to Figure 6)	Expanded (Environmental) Lab	Prefab	5,750	2	SWMU

The scope of the proposed action includes:

- Dismantling or demolishing the building and/or facility along with its appurtenant structures.
   When practical, buildings will be disassembled. If demolition is required, common methods will be utilized, including, but not limited to grapples, masonry saw, ultra high pressure water jet, drilling and expansion cracking, water-cooled track saw, torch cutting, etc;
- Segregating and packaging the resultant debris and waste(s);
- Asbestos removal activities;
- Disposing of the debris and packaged waste; and
- Removal and disposal of asphalt and concrete from parking lots, roadways, and walkways will be completed as needed. Areas will be regraded and seeded to match natural contours.

At this time, the removal of the building foundations is not anticipated; however, if it is determined that removal is required, the following activities would be included in this scope:

- Removal of the building foundations;
- Backfill and grade to match the contours of the surrounding area;
- Stabilize any exposed soil, typically through revegetation to prevent erosion.

Note: Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) will be required to be closed by the appropriate agency (or agencies) in accordance with the requirements determined under the Corrective Action Programs of RCRA.

The following activities will be performed as applicable prior to the scope of this checklist utilizing the Site-Wide Routine Maintenance Activities Checklist (OH-WVDP-2003-03) for NEPA coverage:

- Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs) must be closed in accordance with the applicable closure plans for that facility prior to the start of dismantlement.
- Visual inspection and sampling, if necessary, of the structures to be dismantled;
- Pre-demolition asbestos survey;
- Draining and removal of any liquid from piping and/or systems.
- Permanent closure of tanks registered as Petroleum Bulk Storage or Hazardous Substance Bulk Storage in accordance with 6 NYCRR 613.9 and 598.10, respectively.
- Isolating and removal of utilities, equipment, instrumentation, and other building contents.

#### PURPOSE AND NEED

The WVDP Act requires DOE to decontaminate and decommission any material and hardware used in connection with the WVDP (Public Law 96-368). The DOE utilized these facilities/buildings during the course of the Project.

#### **SCHEDULE/TIMING**

Dismantlement of the Facilities/Buildings shown in Table 1 will be scheduled when final determination of no further need is made. The length of time to complete dismantlement would vary with each specific facility.

#### SECTION B. SOURCES OF IMPACT:

- 1. Air Emissions There would be minor CO and CO<sub>2</sub> air emissions generated from the construction equipment used to perform dismantlement activities at the WVDP. Typically, this equipment includes trucks, excavators, front-end loaders, cranes, and aerial lifts. These emissions would occur intermittently throughout the work shift. Radiologically and nonradiologically contaminated fugitive dust could be generated during dismantlement activities. Such dust would be controlled as necessary to minimize impact. If encountered, worker exposure to airborne radioactive contaminants would be controlled in accordance with the requirements specified in the WVDP Radiological Controls Manual (WVDP-010) and Industrial Hygiene and Safety Manual (WVDP-011)(See Section B.15. Radiation/Toxic Chemical Exposure).
- 2. Liquid Effluents If the foundations are removed or soil will be otherwise disturbed, sediment and erosion controls would be implemented to prevent impact from storm water run-

off. (See Section **B.11. Clearing and Excavation**). In order to control dust during dismantling activities, water spraying may be required. Controls would be implemented to prevent impacts from the water run-off. Liquids generated from pressure jets and/or water cooled sawing will be collected and treated for discharge through existing site treatment facilities. Any raw materials used to complete the proposed action will be covered when not in use to prevent contact with storm water.

- 3. Solid Waste Demolition debris would result from dismantling of the buildings/facilities and their appurtenant structures. The debris would consist of primarily metal, wood, and concrete. Efforts will be made to segregate materials to optimize recycling and/or reuse opportunities. Solid wastes generated as a result of this activity would be characterized and disposed of in accordance with WV-227, "Planning for Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal," Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 300-07, "Waste Generation, Packaging, and On-Site Transportation," and SOP 09-02, "Solid Waste Management and Material Reuse and Recycling," Section 5.2, "Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal." Section B.4. Radioactive Waste/Soil addresses the disposal of radioactive waste generated as a result of the proposed action.
- **4. Radioactive Waste/Soil** The amount of radioactive waste generated as a result of the proposed action would consist primarily of concrete, metal, wood, anti-Cs, gloves, wipes, and swipes. Radioactive waste generated as a result of the proposed action would be classified and disposed of in accordance with WV-227, "Planning for Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal", and WVDP-238, "Low-level Radioactive Waste Classification Program Plan."

While no excavation is anticipated in areas suspected to be radioactively contaminated, if encountered, WVDP Site Radiation Protection personnel would assist in developing specific work plans to minimize the potential for encountering contaminated media. The excavated soil would be screened for radioactive contamination. If contaminated water or soils were encountered, they would be characterized according to SOP 300-07, "Waste Generation, Packaging, and On-Site Transportation." Any contaminated soils will be packaged in accordance with SOP 300-26, "Off-Site Transportation of Waste and Hazardous Materials."

In an effort to reduce the amount of LLW generated at the WVDP, segregation of clean debris from radioactively contaminated areas and debris is undertaken. Radioactively contaminated tools are kept in contaminated areas for reuse rather than disposal at the completion of the activity.

5. Hazardous Waste - As identified in Table 1, some of these buildings are considered Hazardous Waste Storage Units (HWSUs) and Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). To meet regulatory required closure standards, HWMUs will be closed according to an approved closure plan. Initiation of closure plans is expected to occur before building dismantlement. However, should the building be dismantled prior to agency(ies) approval of the closure plan, it is possible that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and/or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) may impose additional requirements to achieve RCRA clean closure certification subsequent to building demolition (i.e. additional sampling and/or decontamination). These buildings are also identified as SWMU's and are expected to

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ultimately receive a "No Further Action" (NFA) disposition from the regulatory agency(ies). Should an NFA not be received based on building demolition and dismantlement activities, the regulatory agency(ies) may require additional SWMU evaluation under the RCRA 3008(h) Consent Order.

Based upon the logic sequence of closure (i.e. removal of building contents and decontamination prior to dismantlement and demolition), it is unlikely to discover additional hazardous wastes. However should any hazardous wastes be discovered during building dismantlement and demolition, they will be managed according to the hazardous waste regulations and site procedures for hazardous waste management.

- 6. Mixed Waste Based upon the logic sequence of closure (i.e. removal of building contents and decontamination prior to dismantlement and demolition), it is unlikely to discover additional mixed wastes. However, should any mixed wastes be discovered during building dismantlement and demolition, they will be managed according to the hazardous waste regulations and site procedures for mixed waste management and identified in the WVDP Site Treatment Plan and Consent Order.
- 9. Asbestos Table 2 lists the known asbestos in these buildings. However, a building demolition survey of each facility would be conducted prior to commencement of dismantlement per the requirements of 12 NYCRR § 56-1.9, "Building demolition survey," Sections (a) through (e).

If necessary, asbestos would be abated in accordance with 12 NYCRR Part 56, "Asbestos," as amended November 9, 1994, and approved site specific variances; 29 CFR 1926.1101, "Asbestos;" 40 CFR 61, Subparts A & M, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants".

All personnel who perform asbestos related activities will hold current NYS Department of Health certified training for the specific class of work to be completed. This training requires an annual refresher. All asbestos workers and engineers will also have a valid NYSDOL asbestos handlers certification.

All identified asbestos containing materials would be handled, packaged, and disposed in compliance with federal and state regulations, DOE Orders, and the WVDP Asbestos Management Plan (WVDP-072) as implemented by contractor procedures. Projects involving greater than 25 linear feet or 10 ft<sup>2</sup> of asbestos would be reviewed for State and/or Federal notification requirements. In accordance with 40 CFR Part 61.145, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would be notified at least ten (10) days prior to commencing the dismantlement activities. Asbestos waste would be sent to a properly permitted solid waste landfill for disposal except if radioactively contaminated, in which case would be managed as discussed above in Section B.4, Radioactive Waste/Soil.

Table 2

Building/Facility	Area	Type of Material	Quantity
Radwaste Process (Hittman) Bldg.	None Identified		
O2 Building	Roof	Roof and Flashing Material	1,200 sf
Lag Storage Building		None Identified	
Lag Storage Addition 1		None Identified	
Lag Storage Addition 3	None Identified		
LSA 4 & Shipping Depot	None Identified		
Hazardous Waste Storage Lockers	None Identified		
CPC Waste Storage Area	None Identified		
Interim Waste Storage Facility	None Identified		
RTS Drum Cell	None Identified		
Expanded (Environmental) Lab	None Identified		

- 10. Utilities In conjunction with the use of record drawings of underground utilities within the WNYNSC, an electronic line locator would be used to locate underground utilities. These locations are then marked on the ground. Excavation by hand instead of using powered excavation equipment would take place within two feet of a known underground utility. Potable water piping will be isolated prior to start of dismantlement activities.
- 11. Clearing and Excavation A SPDES permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activities occurring at the WVDP, including demolition activities resulting in soil disturbance, was issued by NYSDEC and is effective beginning January 1, 2005. The potential area of soil that may be disturbed for each building/facility removal is summarized in Table 3 for both foundation removal and left in place options. After removal of the building/facility, the affected areas would be stabilized to minimize erosion effects and retain surface soils. Typically, this may include backfilling, grading, and reseeding to reestablish a vegetative cover. This process would result in a temporary disturbance to these affected areas soil surface. Contaminated soil encountered during this proposed activity, if any, would be appropriately characterized and managed in accordance with WVDP-304, "Technical Basis for Contaminated Soil Management" and ECS-700, "Standards and Guidelines for Soil and Aquatic Sediment."

Table 3

Building/Facility	Potential Area of Soil Disturbance (Nominal Acres) (Foundation not Removed)	Potential Area of Soil Disturbance (Nominal Acres) (Foundation Removed)
Radwaste Process Bldg.	0.02	0.04
O2 Building	0.22	.44
Lag Storage Building	0.19	0.38
Lag Storage Addition 1	0.24	0.48
Lag Storage Addition 3	0.59	1.18
LSA 4 & Shipping Depot	0.76	1.52
Hazardous Waste Storage Lockers	0.02	0.04
CPC Waste Storage Area	0.34	0.68
Interim Waste Storage Facility	0.04	0.08
RTS Drum Cell	0.55	1.10
Expanded (Environmental) Lab	0.13	0.26
Totals	3.10	6.20

- 13. Water Treatment Liquid wastestreams generated as a result of the proposed action (See Section B.2. Liquid Effluents) would be characterized as necessary to assure compliance with the SPDES permit in accordance with WVDP-287, "Data Collection Plan for Characterization of the State Pollution Discharge Elimination System Source Waste Streams," SOP 300-07, "Waste Generation, Packaging, and On-Site Transportation," and SOP 300-15, "Disposition of Liquid Waste to the Interceptor." Any on-site liquid waste disposal would be performed in accordance with NYSDEC SPDES permit requirements.
- 15. Radiation/Toxic Chemical Exposure Individual exposures would depend on the duration of the dismantlement activities and the proximity of workers to the contaminated area. All exposures would be maintained as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) and in compliance with applicable state and federal regulations and DOE Orders, as implemented by WVDP-010, "Radiological Controls Manual." Worker exposure would be limited by guidance provided in the WVDP Radiological Controls Manual, WVDP Industrial Hygiene and Safety Manual (WVDP-011), and SOP 15-14, "Entry Into and Exit From Contaminated Areas." The individual dose to workers would not exceed the administrative control limits in WVDP-010, "Radiological Controls Manual."

- 18. Transportation Waste containers will be transported on-site in accordance with SOP 300-07, "Waste Generation, Packaging and On-site Transportation." Before any radioactive waste container could be transported off-site, it will meet the packaging requirements for radioactive materials set forth in 49 CFR Part 173, "Subpart I Radioactive Materials," and 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transport of Radioactive Material." All waste shipments would be in accordance with the requirements for shipments specified in 49 CFR Part 100 177, "Transportation," and 6 NYCRR Part 381, "Transporters of Low-Level Radioactive Waste."
- 19. Noise Level Increased noise levels would result from the dismantlement of buildings. Building-demolition noise tends to be broad band and continuous. It results from cutting metal and concrete as well as operating cranes and other diesel-powered equipment. The noise levels would be of short duration and are not expected to exceed 85 dB(A) TWA (decibel level measured on the A scale as a time weighted average over an eight-hour day). Applicable federal and state regulations and DOE Orders, as implemented by contractor safety procedures, would be observed during activities expected to generate elevated noise levels.
- **20.** Workforce Adjustment The proposed action would be performed by both the WVDP workforce and commercial vendor(s). The workforce requirements of the commercial vendor(s) would be approximately 33,000 man-hours over a three to five year period to complete this proposed action.

#### **SECTION C. CATEGORY EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

### 1. Take place in an area of previous or on-going disturbance?

The proposed action would take place in an area of previous disturbance and currently stabilized or in an area or in an area of on-going disturbance (Figures 1-7).

### 3. Impact a RCRA-regulated unit or facility?

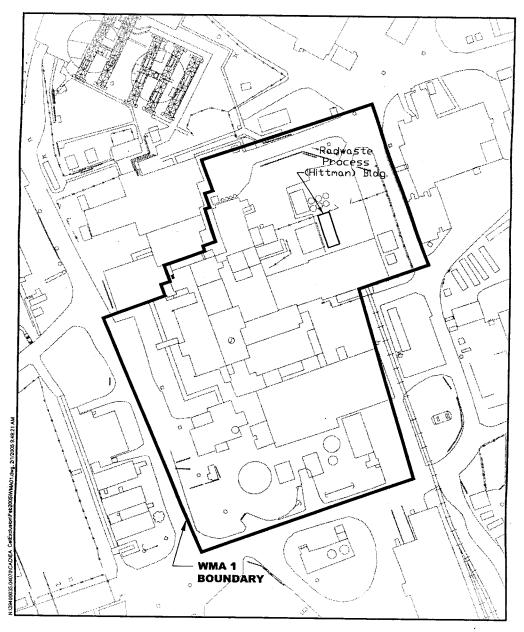
The proposed action would take place in RCRA-regulated facilities as shown in Table 1.

### SECTION D. RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION:

A categorical exclusion (CX) is recommended for the proposed action. Dismantlement and subsequent disposal of the listed buildings/facilities falls within the class of actions described in 10 CFR § 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, CX B1.23, "Demolition and subsequent disposal of buildings, equipment, and support structures (including, but not limited to, smoke stacks and parking lot surfaces)."

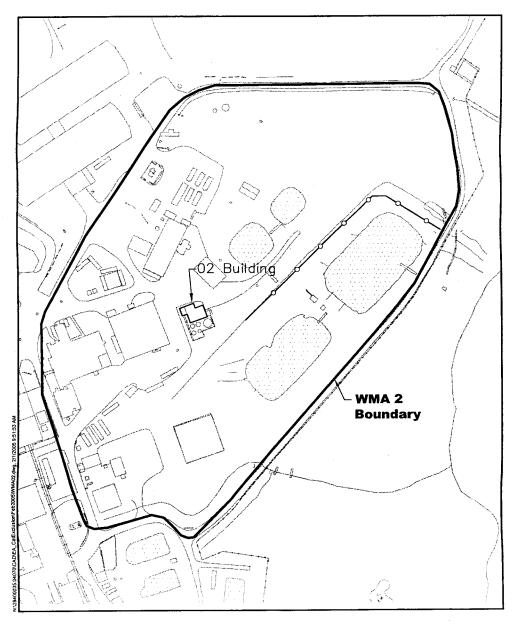
There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that would affect the significance of the action, and the action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR § 1508.25(a)(1) and (2), respectively). Dismantling these buildings is not an interdependent part of the EIS for WVDP completion; that is, the proposed action does not depend on the EIS for justification. The WVDP Act requires DOE to decontaminate and decommission any material and hardware used in connection with the WVDP (Public Law 96-368), regardless of the outcome of the EIS for WVDP completion. As such, these dismantling efforts would not prejudice the results of the EIS for WVDP completion — that is, proceeding with these dismantlements would not bias nor preclude DOE from implementing any of the EIS alternatives. Likewise, the action would not trigger other actions that require an EIS and could proceed without other actions taking place previously or simultaneously.

Figure 1



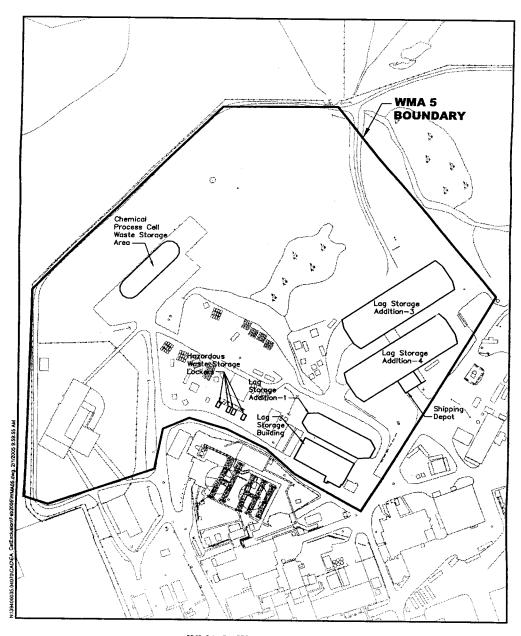
WMA 1-Process Building Area

Figure 2



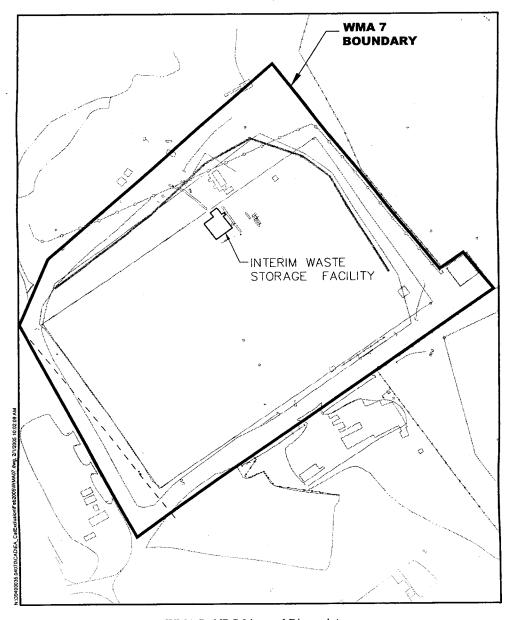
WMA 2 - Low-Level Waste Treatment Facility Area

Figure 3



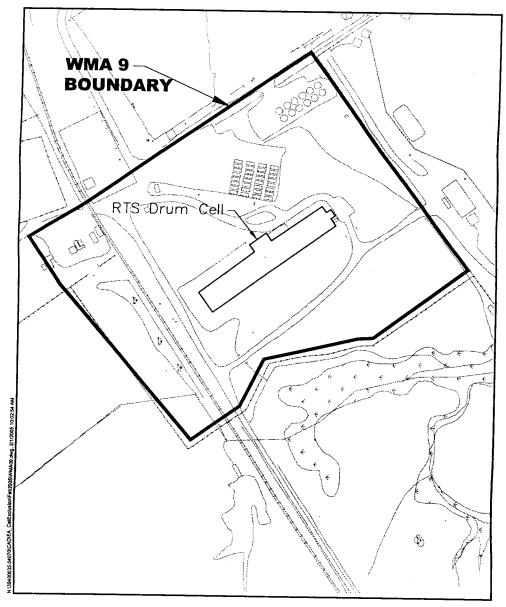
WMA 5 - Waste Storage Area

Figure 4



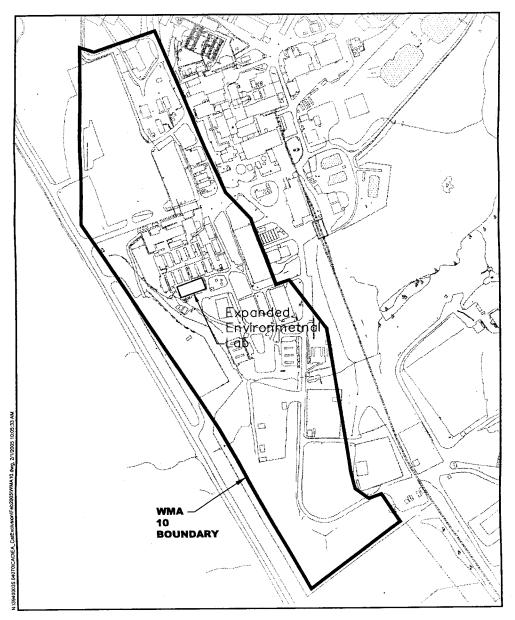
WMA 7 - NRC-Licensed Disposal Area

Figure 5



WMA 9 - Drum Cell

Figure 6



WMA 10 - Support and Services Area

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

DOE and NYSERDA	"Cooperative Agreement between United States Department of Energy and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority on the Western New York Nuclear Service Center at West Valley, New York," effective October 1, 1980, as amended September 18, 1981
DOE-EIS-025	U. S. Department of Energy, "Supplement Analysis of Environmental Impacts Resulting from Modifications in the West Valley Demonstration Project," dated September 7, 1993
DOE/EIS-0081	U.S. Department of Energy, "Final Environmental Impact Statement: Long-Term Management of Liquid High-Level Radioactive Wastes Stored at the Western New York Nuclear Services Center, West Valley," dated June 1982
DOE/EIS-0337-D	U. S. Department of Energy, "West Valley Demonstration Project Waste Management," dated April 2003
DOE Order 430.1B	U. S. Department of Energy, "Real Property Asset Management," dated September 24, 2003
DOE Order 435.1	U. S. Department of Energy, "Radioactive Waste Management," dated August 28, 2001
DOE Order 451.1B	U. S. Department of Energy, "National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program," dated September, 2001
10 CFR Part 1021	U. S. Department of Energy, "National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures; Final Rule," dated July 9, 1996
40 CFR 61.140-156	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Subpart M, "National Emission Standard for Asbestos," as amended, dated February 12, 1999
40 CFR Parts 1500 -1508	U. S. Council on Environmental Quality, "Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act," dated July 1, 1986

WVDP-321	West Valley Demonstration Project, "Supplement Analysis II of Environmental Impacts Resulting from Modifications in the West Valley Demonstration Project," dated June 23, 1998
SOP 09-02	West Valley Nuclear Services Company, "Solid Waste Management and Material Reuse and Recycling," revision 5, dated May 9, 2002
SOP 15-14	West Valley Nuclear Services Company, "Entry Into and Exit From Contaminated Areas," revision 18, dated May 24, 2004
SOP 15-44	West Valley Nuclear Services Company, "Asbestos Removal - Minor Projects," revision 6, dated May 21, 2002
SOP 300-07	West Valley Nuclear Services Company, "Waste Generation, Packaging, and On-Site Transportation," revision 24, dated June 14, 2004
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ECS-700	West Valley Nuclear Services Company, "Standards and Guidance for Soil and Aquatic Sediment"